

Newsletter of the

BUNCOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

November 1999



BUNCOM IS READY TO ENTER ITS THIRD CENTURY

The Best of the Past Millenium Remains

Like fine wine, Buncom grows better with age.

Our tiny ghost town enters Century 2000 in great shape for the future. Within the last few years the roofs on all three buildings have been replaced, all the necessary structural work has been done inside the buildings, and we have a book chronicling the history of Buncom and The Little Applegate Valley.

All of us, members of the Buncom Historical Society, can be proud of the work we've done since the Society's founding in 1991. Thanks to everyone's efforts, not the least of which were our fund-raising efforts, Buncom is set to weather many years. For at least another generation it will remain The Last Standing Ghost Town in Southern Oregon.

Special thanks go to Ron Marchetti, our resident "construction foreman," who oversaw the structural improvements, and to Connie Fowler and J.B. Roberts who put in many hours researching and writing Buncom's history.

Buncom was established in the 18th Century, sometime before it was declared a gold mining district in 1867. It thrived as a mining town, then the supply center of the Little Applegate Valley, until the arrival of the automobile in the 1910s and 1920s.

For many years, the buildings were allowed to deteriorate until the Society undertook responsibility and worked to preserve them in the 1990s.

Keep an Eye on Buncom via New Internet Link

Curious what the weather is like at Buncom? Find out the temperature and precipitation, along with the height and flow of the Little Applegate River, on the Internet.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers just installed a new weather station on Reeve and Lyn Hennion's property, and it has a direct satellite link to the Internet. Find out what's happening, with only a slight delay, at:

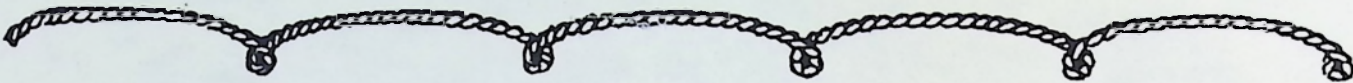
<http://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/nwp/graphics/rogue/appcntl.html>

Click on the bottom listing, Little Applegate River at Buncom.

The weather station, complete with the latest technology, replaces an earlier station that was installed just two weeks before the 1997 New Year's flood and was washed away by high water.

The new installation is on higher ground downstream from the Hennions' house. It has been up and operating since early November; its readings will remain available in graphical format.

If you have trouble with the link or want more information, or would like to see what the weather station looks like, call Reeve Hennion at 899-7656.



NEW OR RENEWING MEMBERS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

Dennis & Jo-Ann Matheny, Jacksonville, OR
Bruce & Alice Matheny, Applegate, OR
Dennis & Judy Barr, Medford, OR
Gordon & Barbara Callaway, Medford, OR
Jim & Ginny Post, Medford, OR

A SPECIAL THANKS ...

Along with their dues, several of our members send additional donations. We would like to offer our additional thanks for their generous support:

Marvin & Lilli Ann Rosenberg

Notes from Buncom's Neighborhood

In our last newsletter we reported on cleanup efforts on Little Applegate Road. We neglected to mention the Trillium Community Land Trust, which as adopted the 4 miles of Little Applegate Road from milepost 6 to about 1/3 mile past Milepost 10.

Any takers for the remaining Milepost 3 to 6? Or for Sterling Creek Road?

IT'S RENEWAL TIME!

It's that time already ... time to renew your membership for the millenium year 2000.

It's only \$5.00 per family. See the renewal form on Page 3 for details on membership, and the form to send in.

We all thank you for your continued support!

Thanks, Marchettis!

It's with a great deal of regret that we accepted the resignations of Ron and Donna Marchetti this month as Directors of the Society.

Ron and Donna, who have served as directors since the Society was founded, have moved to Ashland. We won't lose them totally, however, because they will remain as members, and they have agreed to represent us as Buncom's Official Ambassadors to Ashland.

We thank them for all their efforts in support of Buncom, and expect that they'll continue to visit and keep in touch with their many friends in the Little Applegate.

TRAIL BAND ...

Some 70 members will be at the Trail Band show Dec. 3 at the Craterian Theater. We'll have full coverage in the February newsletter.

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Reeve Hennion, President
Lyn Hennion
899-7656

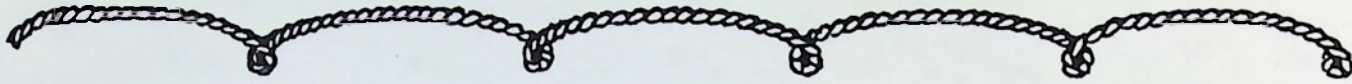
J.B. Roberts, Secretary
Carolyn Roberts, Treasurer
899-1125

Ben Fowler
Connie Fowler
899-7805

The Buncom Historical Society is a non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving the buildings and history of the ghost town of Buncom, Oregon. Society address: 3232 Little Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530

On the Internet:
www.mind.net/buncom/

To join the Society: Send \$5.00 with your name and address to the Society at 3232 Little Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530.



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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Here are my membership dues for 2000. I've enclosed \$5.00 for an individual or family membership.

Please enter your name(s) as you would like it/them to appear on the membership certificate, suitable for framing, and the mailing list:

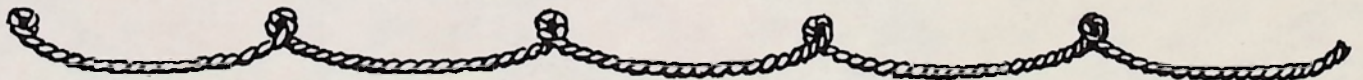
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